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Reelected to a second term in the United States Senate in 1998, Senator Bob Bennett continues to serve the citizens of Utah with distinction. In his position as Chief Deputy Majority Whip and a member of the Senate Republican leadership team, Senator Bennett joins Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Majority Whip Mitch McConnell in managing strategy and schedule in the Republican-led Senate. As Chairman of the distinguished Joint Economic Committee and a senior member of the Senate Banking Committee, the Utah senator is at the center of national economic policy discussions.

From his seat on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, where he chairs the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Bennett works to balance fiscal discipline in government while also representing the needs of Utah in the distribution of federal funds. The Utah Republican also serves on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Small Business Committee. Named an "Emerging Leader in a Post-September 11 Senate" by Congressional Quarterly Magazine, Bennett has received numerous awards from numerous organizations for his contributions in the U.S. Senate.

Since he was named chairman of the special committee responsible for the relatively glitch-free Year 2000 computer switch, Senator Bennett has been at the forefront of high-tech issues. Bennett takes pride in results of Y2K preparations promoted by the work of the Senate committee, including a modernized technology base, the creation of emergency contingency plans and networks, and a better understanding of the vulnerabilities of America's high-tech infrastructure.

A past chairman and current member of the Senate Republican High-Tech Task Force, Bennett remains immersed in technology issues. Recognizing the seamless nature of the public and the private sector, interconnected through advances of the Information Age, Bennett's now working to ensure that the nation's critical infrastructure, 90 percent of which is privately owned, can be protected and U.S. national security bolstered.

Born September 18, 1933, in Salt Lake City, Bennett is the son of former four-term U.S. Senator Wallace F. Bennett and Frances Grant Bennett. He is a 1957 graduate and former student-body president of the University of Utah. Senator Bennett and his wife Joyce, are the parents of six children and a rapidly growing brood of Bennett grandchildren.